

Remarks

Claims 1-31 were pending. By this amendment, claims 9-11 are cancelled without prejudice, and claims 32-38 are added. Therefore, claims 1-8, and 12-38 are now pending.

Claims were amended to comply with United States claiming practice, for example to correct antecedent basis, remove multiple dependencies, and to remove redundant claim language.

Support for new the claims can be found throughout the specification, for example:

Claims 32-33: original claims 14 and 20, respectively.

Claims 34-36: original claims 9-11, respectively.

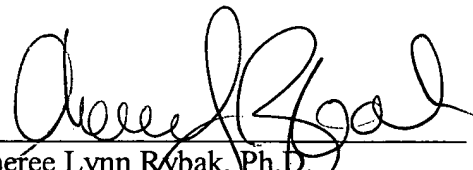
Claims 37 and 38: original claims 15 and 29, respectively.

By this amendment the specification has been updated to reflect prior related applications and to insert the abstract on a separate page.

No new matter has been added by this amendment, and no amendments were made to distinguish prior art.

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